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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

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1. GOSL OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO  
TRANSMIT FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT STEVENS TO  
PRESIDENT FORD IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE  
OF CONGRATULATIONS ON OCCASION SL REPUBLIC DAY (REFTEL):

2. QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT,  
YOU AMBASSADOR, DR. MICHAEL A. SAMUELS, HAS CONVEYED  
TO ME YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REPUBLIC  
OF SIERRA LEONE. ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE  
OF THIS COUNTRY I WISH TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR  
THE MESSAGE. HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. SIAKA STEVENS  
UNQUOTE.  
SAMUELS

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